

# DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST

### REDDALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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The Committee's role is to allow issues and concerns relating to the operation of the landfill to be debated and negotiated. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Redvale Landfill please contact Reception on 09 427 0600 or your nearest Liaison Committee member.

Members were elected to the Committee by the community or have been appointed to represent particular interest groups. **Minutes of the meetings are available for perusal at the Waste Management NZ Ltd office.** Any member of the public is able to attend and be heard at these meetings as long as at least two days' notice is given to the Secretary, Steph, via email - [Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)

Our next scheduled meetings at the Waste Management Office – 17 Aug & 16 Nov 2020.



### Current Trustees:

*Julie Earwaker*                      *Steven Earwaker*

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*Community of Dairy Flat by Waste Management NZ Ltd.*

*Please see our Trust website:*

[www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz)

*Should you have any questions concerning the Trust, please contact:*

*Secretary – Steph Dryland - Ph: 427 0600*

## *A comment from the Dairy Flat Community Liaison Chairman*

Dear Readers,

Due to COVID-19, this is our second newsletter of the year ... we normally produce four per annum. Since the February newsletter, we have been through Lockdown Levels 4 to 1 and drought has given way to water tanks which are fuller or even overflowing.

I trust the forced lockdown allowed all of you to think outside the box and contemplate what the new normal will look like, once we get back to Level 0. I have used Zoom, WhatsApp, Jami and Skype to have meetings but, unlike most of the world, we have moved rapidly from level 4 to Level 1 and the last Community Liaison Committee meeting (CLC) was held when we were already in Level 1 and it was like business as usual.

Regarding the CLC, our main function is to meet quarterly and interact with Waste Management as to how the landfill is operating and specifically review any breaches/potential breaches and the remediation that has taken place. Breaches mainly occur around odour, noise, dust and pests and Waste Management welcomes all readers to contact them with issues specifically related to these matters.

Committee members were appraised about how the landfill has been operating under "lockdown" conditions and of specific note is that during Levels 4, 3 and 2, staff performed this essential service with emphasis on social distancing and ensuring protective clothing was being used and sanitizer was used liberally, too. The amount of waste generated reduced substantially with no corporate building/renovations taking place during lockdown, meaning the fill had to strategize around how they took in the reduced fill, cap it off, etc. Management has also indicated an increased number of seagulls returning to the site as some of their other sources of food reduced (no scraps from fishermen and beach picnics). To control the seagulls, sporadic noise (blank shot gun shells are fired) were used to scare them off.

Linking back to our bubbles and thinking outside the box, a petition was started about three months ago to improve broadband access in the Dairy Flat/Coatesville areas of Rodney ... if you have not signed it yet, please do ... the link is <https://www.change.org/p/central-government-upgrade-failing-broadband-infrastructure-in-dairy-flat-and-coatesville>. 806 people have signed so far (mid/late July) and more are needed!

You can read more about the push to improve broadband in our area both at the above link and also at <https://www.localmatters.co.nz/news/38037-dairy-flat-frustrated-bad-broadband.html>

Looking at roading in our area, the roading project at the Coatesville/Dairy Flat Highway intersection closed when we went into Level 4 but recommenced when we went back to Level 3. I understand that the projected finish date has been extended due to additional stabilisation of the land at the intersection.

Another roading improvement mentioned in the last newsletter was that of improving driver visibility when exiting Dairy Flat Primary School and correspondence from AT indicating that car parks either side of the exit are to be removed and painted with yellow lines and indicating no stopping or parking 24 hours per day. The painting is supposed to be done before end of July this year.

You will also notice that as of the beginning of this month (July), many of our roads have also seen the lowering of speed limits, in some cases to 80 and in others, to 60kph.

The Dairy Flat Hall was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers Association in the latter part of 2019. The next meeting was planned for February/March and a draft constitution along with a facilitator to help interested parties work through the processes didn't take place and no new date has been suggested yet.

I urge all readers to support local businesses and other local activities and especially those that advertise via this newsletter...they rely on us using their services and with lost revenue brought about by lockdown, they need our help more than ever.

Till next quarter, keep safe!  
Warwick Hojem



**Feeling Fab Charitable Trust**

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*I would like to introduce you to the Feeling Fab Charitable Trust established November 2016.*

*We are a non-profit organisation who provide pamper days for those who have experienced grief, caregivers and individuals who are in need through a variety of unfortunate circumstances.*

*Our aim is to provide a safe nurturing environment for women to experience a full day of pampering.*

*We are here to help them to leave the blanket of grief and their worries at the door. They will be pampered by our most caring and understanding volunteers. Starting with a massage/Reiki or healing and followed by a makeover and hair styling. There are also goodie bags for them to be able to take home and enjoy. Yummy food is provided throughout the day.*

*Our aim is to give back some of the love, support and tenderness that seems to disappear when we are faced with grief or overwhelmed by life. This is also a great opportunity to connect with others who are going through similar experiences, something which bereaved people generally find really helpful.*

*We have received fantastic feedback from the women who have attended and the volunteers who have given up their time freely to support them and make these days possible.*

*Please take a moment to have a look at the short video that is on our website at [www.feelingfab.co.nz](http://www.feelingfab.co.nz) as this will give you an example of what our pamper days entail.*

*We are always looking for volunteers to help us on the days and any donations of goodies to put in the giveaway bags for our ladies.*

*Kind Regards,  
Elizabeth York,  
Founder,  
Feeling Fab Charitable Trust*

## Dairy Flat Community Hall

Contact details: Please E-mail [info@DairyFlatLive.com](mailto:info@DairyFlatLive.com)

Hall is available for community use 7 days a week. If you like to start classes or other activities in the Hall, the Hall committee will support you, with low starting rates.

### Activities in the Hall

- Yoga on Monday
- Toast masters on Tuesday/ fortnightly
- Every Friday night Rock & Roll on live music/ full bands people travel from all over great Auckland to Dairy Flat for those nights.

Check out what's on: DFlat.info

Many locals are very surprised, when they find out what's going on in the Hall on Friday nights. Licensed Bar with Club prices. Cover charge for bands applies.

### Hall hire

Hall is available for Parties on Saturday nights. Sorry we don't support 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties in the Hall.

## **DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST**

Applications for funding assistance are now being called for from individuals and organisations for projects that fall within the general objectives of the Community Trust.

This objective states "for purposes beneficial to those people whose principal place of residence is Dairy Flat."

Applications for post-secondary education scholarships from Dairy Flat residents are also being accepted at this time.

All application forms available from: [www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz)

Applications can be submitted by post: **Dairy Flat Community Trust  
PO Box 228  
SILVERDALE 0944**

Or scan and email to: [dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz)

Applications open from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July and close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 @ 5pm.  
Only applications received by this closing date (as indicated by postmark or email) will be considered for funding.  
Funding allocations will be presented on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

# SILVERDALE SQUASH CLUB

Mid-winter – looking for a way to keep fit, meet new people and have fun out of the cold? Come and try playing squash here at Silverdale Squash Club, just opposite the Silverdale Park and Ride. It doesn't matter if you have never played before – we can show you how. It also doesn't matter how old you are. Young or old – all welcome 😊

We are an active, social club with players at all levels. If you would like coaching (often a good way to get back into the game), our coach Trina Moore can coach all levels.

We have our Masters Tournament 21-23 August – contact [tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz) to enter or just come along and watch.

For juniors, our kids' club night is on Wednesdays 5pm – 6.15pm. Come and try it out! We've got lots of keen juniors taking part. Also tuition is still being run by the club's coach – so if anyone under 16 is interested, email the club at [tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz) or see our Facebook page.

We are always looking for new members – new to the game or experienced. Come along to our friendly Club Night on Thursday evenings 7pm onwards and give it a go.

For more information, contact the club president Tony Forde at [tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz)

## **Murder and Mayhem in our Hood**

The mob is active if unseen in our neighbourhood! Stealing by stealth, rats and possums flourished in the previous fruitful season.

Let's do our bit towards **Control in the Community**.

Over lock down two Phils in Waitoki were making boxes, setting traps and catching rats, mice, possum and mustelids. One of them, Phil Waddington, the inventor of the Doc 200 trap is one of the gurus of trapping in NZ. At the recent Waitoki Village Market (Aug 8<sup>th</sup>) he took the opportunity to share his knowledge, and in collaboration with Elizabeth Grainger, has written a booklet 'how to trap in NZ' which was available on the day.

They demonstrated and shared tips on making cheap boxes and setting traps. If you missed out, Pest Detective is a great website to help you recognise your pest by damage done, foot prints, droppings, as well as what they look like. There is also information on the Auckland Council web site.

Keep a watch on the Waitoki face book page for future events held at the Waitoki Community Hall aimed at Community Resilience and Keeping Connected.

For plants and advisory service you can contact me:

**Lisa Clapperton at:**

**Waitoki Plants**

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Phone 09 420 5455

## Simons Music Lessons

I have recently renamed to Simons Music Lessons from Simons Guitar Lessons as the name didn't cover everything that I teach.

Music is a passion which lasts a lifetime, it aids classroom learning, improves concentration while building self-confidence and helps stimulate creativity in children and adults alike.

I offer one on one lessons for guitar/bass/drums which is tailored to each individual's skill level beginner to advanced. My current students range from 5 to 69 years in age. I work with my students to discover what drives them to learn to play their instrument, which music they like and which teaching style suits them.

There are no requirements to pay for the term outright, unlike lessons available through schools.

I work 7 days a week till 8pm at night so you can book in your lessons around what suits you via my Facebook page: [facebook.com/simonsmusiclessons/](https://facebook.com/simonsmusiclessons/).

I'm based in Bawden Road, Dairy Flat. I have 35+ years in the music industry, I own [Nzbands.co.nz](http://Nzbands.co.nz), have mentor training and a passion for teaching and sharing music.

Book in with me today.

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## Netfuel

Here at Netfuel we are a small, passionate family business based in Dairy Flat who are committed to making your experience as easy and stress free as possible.

All our websites are designed and developed bespoke, we work with you to fully encapsulate the vision of your project - what this means is that your website reflects your business right throughout and is created individually, just for you.

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# North Harbour Sports & Country Club

We have a New Roof!! Thanks to the wonderful Campbell Reid from Metal Roofing Services for the re-roof. A big thank you to the **Dairy Flat Trust** for the grants and a big thank you to all of you that helped with the fundraising efforts that made this happen.

Memberships for the 2020 – 2021 period are now due.

(Renewals are due by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021)

## ***Our AGM will be held Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 @ 2pm***

(You must be a paid financial member 2020 – 2021 season to attend)

You can complete membership renewal or become a new member online at

[dairyflatclub.co.nz/membership/](http://dairyflatclub.co.nz/membership/) pay via internet banking, these forms are also available at De Hot Bar & Grill and payment can be made in cash or cheque at the bar (no eftpos available).

There has been some confusion over our online name - Dairy Flat Club. This is simply North Harbour Sports & Country Clubs social media and online brand, nothing has changed. This is simply an easy way to say what and where we are online, we are still the North Harbour Sports & Country Club.

De Hot Bar & Grill are our leasees. This means that they lease the premises from us North Harbour Sports & Country Club. The business (Bar, Restaurant, Events, Venue Hire, etc) is all the operation of De Hot Bar & Grill and is entirely separate from us at the North Harbour Sports & Country Club. We are responsible for the Building, Grounds, Swimming Pool and Memberships.

The pool will officially open on labour weekend this year - If you are brave enough, you can swim now.

The pool is open to the public during the opening hours of De Hot Bar & Grill. It is \$5 per person to swim for the day or you and your family can become a members and swim for free, 10am till 10pm, 7 days a week.

We are always interested in suggestions for future upgrades to our club, what you would like to see happening or if you have any information on the history of the club including photos etc. Please email us your ideas [info@dairyflatclub.co.nz](mailto:info@dairyflatclub.co.nz)

For information about North Harbour Sports & Country Club check out [dairyflatclub.co.nz](http://dairyflatclub.co.nz)

Please follow us on Facebook, our social media name is Dairy Flat Club.

## ***Dairy Flat School***

Dairy Flat School is growing and will be over 330 students by the end of 2020. Despite our growth we still retain our strong country roots. We are very excited about the launch of 'Hard Graft - The story of Dairy Flat' as this will give us much more insight into our history. We plan to make this part of our curriculum.

The curriculum concept this term is time. We are getting ready to perform our production - 'Change the World Together' on September 23rd and 24th. We would love to see our community members there. The show is about the dilemma between treasuring our environment and the demands of a growing population and the need for 'progress'.

Our other major focus is of course, our annual 'Agriculture Day' (17th October). We are once again inviting calves to our day and we are excited to see them back. This day is our major fundraiser for the year as well as a significant day for the school in terms of our history. We look forward to seeing our community enjoying this day with us.

Debbie Marshall

# Silverdale Pony Club

It's that time of year again, when enrolments are open for membership at Silverdale Pony Club. Come and join a super fun club, make new friends and enjoy all our wonderful grounds have to offer on Green Road. We cater for riders of all ages from young tots through to adults, with fun lead-rein groups and talented supportive coaches. Silverdale Pony Club also runs a 'Riders without Horses' programme, which is a fabulous way to learn all about the management and care involved in owning a pony. Please note this is not a riding based course, whilst still offering plenty of pony contact.



## 2020 / 2021 Season Enrolment

### Why Join Silverdale Pony Club?

Rally's are Tuesday Evenings 5.30pm-7.30pm  
BBQ dinner after rallies

Quality coaching for all levels  
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Pony Club Camp    Show Jumping    Dressage  
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Don't have a Pony?  
Check out our Riders Without Horses program

Adult Ride Wednesday 6pm start  
Places will be offered to last seasons riders first,  
then to new riders.

Pony Club Certificate Riders    \$250  
Riders Without Horses \$130

For more info  
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[www.silverdaleponyclub.com](http://www.silverdaleponyclub.com)



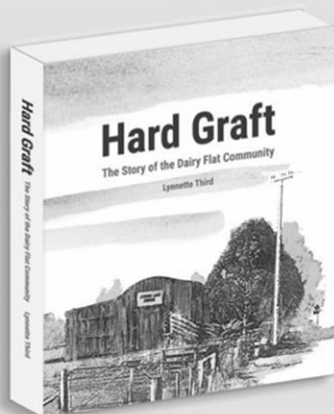


## The Story of the Dairy Flat Community



# Hard Graft

By Lynnette Third



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## **An update from Louise Johnston**

As our lives are slowly going back to normal, Auckland Council are still in the process of finalizing the Emergency Budget. Even with the 3.5 % rate increase there are still some very unwelcome cuts including the deferral of both road sealing monies and the AT Local Board Transport Capital Fund. Monies from this fund had been earmarked for the road safety improvements and foot path outside of Dairy Flat Primary School. The preliminary design had been completed for this project and discussed with the school. For it to be delayed is unacceptable. AT are spending millions on safety improvements along Dairy Flat Highway (DFH). To not ensure the safety of our primary school kids that are forced to walk along DFH after school because of insufficient school parking is just too much of a risk and this project needs to get the go ahead in 2020.

Below are another couple of updates for our community:

### **Green Road and our future park**

The draft master plan for our future park at Green Road is now out for public feedback. This 154 Hectare future park will in a couple of decades be surrounded by dense urban housing. It is estimated that within the future urban zone of just Dairy Flat there will be 25,500 new dwellings and over 69,000 residents. The future urban land is scheduled to be development ready by 2033-2038. While we are very lucky to be surrounded by green Space in Dairy Flat, future generations will not have this luxury and it is so important that we protect this Green open space for our children to enjoy. Council can simply not afford to purchase large blocks of land for parks like Green Road and I do believe this park has the potential to be the Cornwall Park of the North Shore. A kiwi version of a Great English Park. There is going to be mounting pressure in the years to come for libraries, hospitals, community centers and schools to be located on this land but if we can protect this open space for future generations to enjoy then I truly believe this is a job well done!

Within the draft plan we have tried to ensure that the park keeps the rural character, and that within the short term it is opened up for public access with trails for walking, mountain biking and horse-riding and that tree planting and landscaping can start .

Feedback closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August and the link is below.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/green-road-park-masterplan/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Supporting Growth's future transport projects:**

In late May, I received information from the Supporting Growth team on the future transport projects in Dairy Flat, Orewa, Wainui and Silverdale. For those of you who may not be aware, the supporting growth team are a collaboration between Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Transport and Council. This project is planning the transport networks now to support the almost million new people who will call Auckland home in the next 30 years. It's a big job to plan for this massive growth, long before new houses and communities are built, but I'm glad to see that planning is underway as often infrastructure comes after growth (e.g. SH 16 and Kumeu).

I recently met with the supporting growth team to better understand these future projects and how this will impact locals. I was excited to hear that a variety of transport options such as public transport, walking and cycling paths and road upgrades are being considered for the next 10, 20 and 30 years. This will give our future communities different options to choose from when travelling between home, work and leisure activities. The projects being planned for include:

- a new rapid public transport corridor from Albany to Milldale, through the future growth area at Dairy Flat

- upgrades to SH1 between Albany and Silverdale
- new walking and cycling paths along SH1 and the new rapid public transport corridor
- new SH1 interchanges at Redvale (Penlink) and at Wilks Road, and an upgrade to the existing Silverdale interchange.

A few locals have contacted me understandably concerned their property is within the study area of these projects and how this will impact their property or property value. I spoke to the team about this and they assured me that if a property is within a study area it does not necessarily mean that the property will be impacted. As I understand it, the supporting growth team is carrying out investigations to understand the area and develop route options for these projects. They will be asking for our feedback on these options later this year. Once they have their preferred routes, they will discuss the impacts with property owners, if any, from mid next year. This is a very uncertain time for property owners and there is often misinformation around this process.

I will keep in touch with the Supporting Growth team as the planning for these projects progresses and will keep you up to date. You can also stay up to date on this project with the link <https://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/> or call 0800 Grow Akl (0800 4769 255) or email [info@supportinggrowth.nz](mailto:info@supportinggrowth.nz).

### **Roundabout construction at Coatesville Riverhead and Dairy Flat Highway**

The construction team are currently working on the retaining wall adjacent to the temporary roundabout. This temporary roundabout will be operational for around 6 weeks. Many residents have asked how much this is all costing and the short answer is around \$ 11 million. This is not just the contractors construction costs but includes all other costs such as MSQA (management, surveillance and quality assurance) costs by AT staff and consultants, service relocation by Vector & Chorus, arboriculturally monitoring, lizard monitoring, and additional investigation/design work due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. ground conditions) resulting in the need for some redesign.

### **New Speed limits reductions**

The new speed limit reductions in our area that came into force at the end of June have been generally well received apart from Coatesville Riverhead Highway which continues to be contentious. There will be a second tranche of speed limit reductions later in the year. At this stage I do not know what roads within our area will be subject to review.

### **Request for better broadband infrastructure**

Following the presentation of our 800 signature Petition to parliament requesting that our failing internet infrastructure be upgraded. I have received the following update. "The select committee are still working on the petition and have sought written evidence from MBIE and Crown Infrastructure Partners. Unfortunately, they are unlikely to receive that evidence before the committee's last meeting before the election. When committees start meeting again after the election, we'll update you on any further progress."

The Coatesville Community are currently working on community led solution for rolling out Fibre to the Coatesville Community. This is being partly funded by the Community (300K), Crown Infrastructure partners and Chorus. If this is successful there maybe opportunities for other communities to do the same and this is something that Dairy Flat could possibility investigate as well. Please do get in touch if you have questions on the above.

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